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a cover material surrounding the stent and having a first section and a second section, the first and second sections forming an overlap portion; and
the overlap portion being configured so that the first section slidably contacts the second section when the stent is expanded.

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7. (Amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the first section has a proximal end and a distal end and the first section is shorter than the overall length of the stent.

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8. (Amended) The assembly of claim 8, wherein the proximal end of the second section forms the overlap portion with the distal end of the first section.

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14. (Amended) The assembly of claim 2, wherein the cover material is attached to the stent at the stent distal end and the stent proximal end.

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16. (Amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the cover material is formed from a biocompatible material taken from the group of materials consisting of ePTFE, PTFE and polyurethane.

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18. (Amended) The assembly of claim 17, wherein the more than two sections of the cover material form more than one overlap portion along the stent.

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20. (Amended) A covered stent assembly, comprising:

an intravascular stent having a distal end and a proximal end;
a tubular cover material covering at least a portion of the stent wherein the cover material is formed of a first section and a second section; and
the first section and second section each having a proximal end and a distal end, wherein the proximal end of the second section forms an overlap portion with the distal end of the first section so that as the stent expands the overlap portion shortens.

15 26. (Amended) The assembly of claim 20, wherein the first section is shorter than the overall length of the stent.

16 27. (Amended) The assembly of claim 20, wherein the second section is shorter than the overall length of the stent.

28 33. (Amended) The assembly of claim 21, wherein the cover material is attached to the stent distal end and the stent proximal end.

29 35. (Amended) The assembly of claim 20, wherein the cover material is formed from a biocompatible material taken from the group of materials consisting of ePTFE, PTFE and polyurethane.

30 37. (Amended) The assembly of claim 36, wherein the more than two sections of the cover material form more than one overlap portion along the stent.